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# ARMED SHIPS TO FIRE UPON 'SUBS' AT SIGHT

Government Holds American Merchantmen Need Not Await Attack.

PUTS U. S. ON BRINK OF WAR

Many in Administration Feel Hostilities, If Inevitable, Should Come Now.

The United States Government is prepared to recognize the right of defensively armed American merchant vessels to fire on German submarines on aight.

This fact, illustrating to a marked degree the lengths to which the Government is prepared to go in defense of American rights, became known definitely today when the State Department admitted its intention of abiding, with respect to the behavior of the American armed ships, by rules laid down by this Government re-garding the rights of the armed merchantmen of belligerent powers.

In a circular memorandum dated March 25, 1915, and in other formal communications, Secretary of State Lansing held to the view that, so long as it was the practice of German submarines to attack enemy merchant craft without complying with the rules of visit and search, it was the right of these merchant craft to assume that the merc presence of a German submarine in their vicinity implied hostile intent. Therefore, he held, defensively armed enemy mer-chantum had a right to fire on such submarines at sight, without losing their status as merchantmen.

Probability of War Admitted.

This same rule, it was stated today, the American Government is prepared to uphold with regard to American merchant vessels which are to be armed for defense, although it is perfectly well realized by the Gov-ernment that, in all probability the first shot fired by one of these armed

ships is going to mean war. In other words, it was declared, the American ships will not be expected to wait until they are attacked be fore using their guns. They will be justified if they fire at the first sight of a periscope in the barred zone, it being understood that entents submarines are not crulsing in this area without plain indications of their na-

The moment such a thing should occur, of course, officials realize that the German submarine so attacked would be justified in attacking the merchantman without further although, should the merchantman surrender, she would be en (Continued on Second Page.)

GERMAN SAILORS SENT UP

Eight Under-Officers Sentenced for Sinking Ship at Charleston.

FLORENCE, S. C., March 10.-The eight underofficers of the German senced to one year in the Federal prison at Atlanta and \$500 fine each on the charge of having sunk their vessel in the harbor at Charleston when diplomatic relations were broken with Germany.

Notice of appeal was given imp distely, and bond was fixed at \$6,000

#### GAS CO. OFFERS EVIDENCE

Introduces Testimony to Show In cresaed Building Cost.

Testimony, showing the increased ost of labor, materials and supplied in the last two years, was introduced YARROWDALE MEN'S today by the Washington Gas Light Company at the Public Utilities Comon the valuation o

that the reproduction cost of the buildings and structures of the com-pany as of January 1, 1917, would be of December 31, 1914, made by Charles L. Pillsburg, chief engines: of the valuation bureau. The valua-tion placed by Mr. Pilisbury on the The hearing will be resumed Wed-

#### URGE MORE D. C. JUDGES

Efforts Will Be Made in Extra Ses-

sion to Enlarge Bench. Strong efforts will be made in the increase the number of justices on the funds at the American legation at Supreme Court of the District and on the Berne.

The bill as it passed the House last March 10.—American citizens brought added two justices to the Su-Court of the District. The Senthe bill did not go to final passage. Senator Overman and other Senators on the need for enlarging the courts In the District because of the volume of business to be done by them, and there is every indication the measure will pass in the extra session.

When Leaving Washington Consult Baltimore & Ohio about your travel problems. will tell you of our splendid through mediate approval of the Colombian ity of it.

service at frequent hours, day and treaty. Marshall believes the treaty Vi-: President Marshall left his

### SLACKER BILL ON TRAITORS AND CONSPIRATORS

The Times offers for the careful reading and serious consideration of Senator Stone's associates in the Senate, and especially those who are members of the Democratic Committee on Committees, two official pronouncements made by the Missourian which may be designated as

Stone on Traitors.

in January and February. 1915, the Democratic Administration urged the passage of the ship-purchase bill and a large majority of the Democrats of the Senate supported it. After a long filibuster, in which Senator Stone frequently denounced the Democratic Senators who opposed the passage of the bill, the following incldent occurred. Senator Bankhead had just offered an amend-ment designed to kill the bill which was adopted by the close vote of 40 to 38, thirteen Demo-cratic Senators supporting it. Whereupon Senator Stone tained the floor and spoke as

"Mr. President, I do not rise primarily to discuss the amend ment but to take advantage of the opportunity it affords me to obtain the floor that I may read an interesting item. It is as

"Colonel Lillard, a suicide-Bolted Democratic Party to help elect Senator W. O. Bradley.

"Danville, Ky., Feb. 17.— Col. E. W. Lillard, who gained nation-wide notoriety six years ago when he deserted the ranks of the Democrats and supported the late Senator W. O. Bradley, Republican, in his race for the United States Senate, committed suicide in the attic of his residence here this afternoon.

DESERTED BY OLD FRIENDS. 'At the time of the famous Bradley-Beckhain race for the Senate, Colonel Lillard bolted with three other Democrats from Beckham to Bradley, and this action resulted in the election of Bradley to the Senate. Shortly afterward Colonel Lilsnortly atterward Colonel Lil-lard was appointed private sec-retary to the Senator. When Senator Bradley died Colonel Lillard returned to his old home. Old acquaintances turned from him on account of his bolting the party. He was al-most friendlers. For several weeks he had been despondent. He was fifty-five years old.

"Two thousand years ago in the garden of Gethsemane, Judas betrayed Christ with a kiss. Six years ago Colonel Lil-lard, who had long been a be-spected citizen of Boyle county, Kentucky, was elected by the Democrats to the Legislature. There he forgot or ignored the pledges he was under, forsook his party and aided in defeating it at an important juncture. We all know what became of Judas we now know what became of Lillard.

Mr. President, I call attention to this incident for the purpose of showing that there is a Nemesis that always pur-sues or walks by the side of men like Judas and Lillard. My chief purpose in calling attention to it is that it may serve as an impressive lesson for moralists and teachers in instructing the young who ome under their tutelage and guidance as to the value and virtue of fidelity. \* \* \* My purpose, as I have stated, is to use this significant, tragic and impressive incident with the hope that it might be taken up and employed by the teach-ers of the young, to point a moral and adorn a tale." Stone on Conspirators.

During the debate on the shippurchase bill, during the long filibuster, Senator Clarke of Arkansas moved to recommit the bill. The seven Democrats voting with the Republicans made a majority for the motion. On February 3, 1915, Senator Stone took the floor and said:

"Mr. President, in northern France today there are and for months have been two great armies confronting each other in a titanic struggle and in enacting one of the most stupendous tragedies of history. Suppose a fraction of some company of French soldiers or German soldiers should secretly withdraw from among their fellows to some secluded spot and there plot together to-aid the enemy and betray their comrades; suppose prearranged signals should be agreed upon through which the plotters might inform the enemy just when, where, and how to strike a deadly blow, what would the comrades of such betrayers think of them? What would France think of them? What would Germany think of them?

"Mr. President, do not the cases I have supposed make their own application here? Is there any need to be more specific? Seven Democrats, members of the Senate, who had been holding secret conclaves, whispering and conspiring togetherthese seven conspirators-

Mr. O'Gorman,-"I rise to a point of order-that the Senator from Missouri is violating paragraph 2 of Rule XIX, imputing conduct or motives unworthy and unbecoming a Senator."

Mr. Stone,-"Mr. President, I think I am amenable to the rule, for the conduct I refer to was a unbecoming and unworthy of a

"The distinguished Senator from Arkansas, elected to that high office by this identical Democratic caucus, rose suddenly and moved to recommit the bill, intending thereby to kill it. This unexpected blow was struck by the man upon whom we had conferred the highest honor within the gift of the Democrats of the Senate. The lamented Bacon, that old Roman from Georgia who never faltered, wanted that great honor at our hands, but we turned him down, almost breaking his heart, to elevate the Senator from Ar-kansas to this most conspicuous and honorable position. He is in consequence of this office in a sense the official head of our party in the Senate, and yet he comes, before the Congress has expired in which he was elected to preside over the Senate, and performs with exceeding grace an act intended to unhorse the

According to his own definition, Slacker Bill may be both a traitor and a conspirator. Has such a man properly a place as chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee?

# RELEASE CONFIRMED

the company's properties.

James L. Parsons, builder, testified State Department Learns, However, Some Are Detained by Illness.

Confirmation of the reported release of the American Yarrowdale prisoners and their departure from Germany buildings and structures was \$695,000, for the Swiss frontier was conveyed to the State Department today in a tily constructed from sheets. cable from the American legation at The Hague.

A second message said part of the American prisoners, hitherto reported confined to hospitals with colds, are still there.

Many of the men are financially embarrassed, but this Government \$150 damage, is unknown extra session to put through the hill to has provided for their passage from

BERLIN (via Sayville wircless) into Germany as prisoners of war ate Judiciary Committee amended this aboard the Yarrowdale were released to add two justices to the Court of Appeals as well as the Supreme Court. In the jam of the wind-up of the session agency annuanced today. The mean March 8 and left the detention camp agency announced today. The men journeyed via Lindaunow, Switzer-

> PUSHES COLOMBIAN TREATY. "The more bellicose we become to-

ward others the more amicable we should become among ourselves."

In such fashion Vice President Marshall today summed up the contention his customary Sabbath They of those in the Senate favoring immight, to the East, West, and North will be agreed upon by a two-thirds card today, but did not see the Presivote at this session.

### MAKES FIRE-ESCAPE **OUT OF BED SHEETS**

Grocer Flees When He Smells Smoke, But Returns for Wife and Son.

Awakened by smoke shortly after 3 o'clock this morning, Joseph Katz, proprietor of a grocery store at 450 Lamont street northwest, slid down

he neared the grounud the sheets broke, but he was not injured. Discovering that the fire was in the cellar, under the store. Katz returned to the second floor and brought his wife and boy, Albert, to the while firemen fought the blaze. the street

#### WILSON STAYS IN ROOM

His Condition Much Improved, But Dr. Grayson is Cautious.

Although his condition is materially Although his condition is minimized improved, President Wilson remainand the president wilson remained in his room and did not visit the executive offices. Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the President's physician, said Mr. Wilson would be able "to sit by the fire awhile" this afternoon, it is also possible, Dr. Grayson said, that the President will see one or two visitors. The President's force has The President's fever has passed, and his temperature is now

Grayson couldn't say 'whether

# M'CORMICK FOR **OUSTING STONE AS CHAIRMAN**

Head of Democratic National Committee Declares Missourian Should Resign.

LOOKING TO PARTY CAUCUS

Possible Action on Retention of "Slacker Bill" Subject of Conjecture.

The attitude of Democracy toward Slacker Bill Stone and his retention as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is stated officially, as nearly as official statement is possible, by the publication by Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, of a demand that Stone resign or in event of his declining to resign, the Senate depose him.

Speaking through his newspaper the Harrisburg, Pa. Patriot, Mr. Mc Cormick says:

"By his attitude toward the armed neutrality bill, so vigorously urged by the President and so demanded by national interest, Senator Sto has forfeited his right to remain longer at the head of the very im-portant Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. This fact must be evident to the prominent Missourian himself both as a result of his own introspection and the volley of protest which has arisen from all sections of the country, at the conduct of a "little group of wilful men" who blocked the armed neutrality measure.

Stone "Out of Joint."

"Out of joint not only with the President's view of the country's duty in the present crisis, but out of joint with the popular view as well, it would seem as though Senator Stone could do nothing less than voluntarily retire. The post he now occupies is one of the vitally important places in the Government service. It should be held by a man who is in sympathy with the President and the people's aims. It should be held by a whole-hearted man, capable of giving the nation full and honest support and the President genuine and active cooperation. These considerations ought

operation. These considerations ought to be evident to the Senator.

"Neither the country nor the Senate can afford to have its interests compromised either in the legislative halls or elsewhere. Senator Stone should have the foresight and patriotism to quit. If he does not the duty of the Senate is plain." of the Senate is plain."

Looking To Caucus.

Interest in the question whether Senator Stone is to be kicked out of the chairmanship today turned from the problem in an informal way. the Democratic Steering Committee, or Committee on Committees, to the

Democratic caucus. Committees. The procedure is to have the recommendations of the commitsubmitted to the caucus for rati fication and when ratified to be presented to the Senate for formal ac-

The Democratic Steering Committee has decided to retain Stone in the chairmanship. This action was taken without open opposition. It has beer said that certain Senators on the com mittee would make a protest, but they have not done so.

It is considered possible that when the caucus meets, the Senators who privately have talked in favor of Stone will come out in the open and urge that he be deposed.

Pressing Colombian Treaty.

Senator Stone, as chairman of Foreign Relations, is engaged in pressing the Colombian treaty, favored by the Administration, for ratification. The President wants it ratified and critics of Stone opined today he was pressing it at this time in part to get back into the good graces of the White House.

The Democratic committee on committees has chosen Senator Thomas of Colorado in place of Senator O'Gorman on the Foreign Relations Committee This is one of the most important assignments to be Senators Swanson, James and Underwood have been put on the Rules Committee to fill vacancies and Senator Owen has been added to ft

Senator Owen is an advocate of radical cloture and as a member of the Rules Committee is expected to work for a still more drastic rule than the one lately adopted. The Republican committee on com-

The building, a two-story brick, in Fall for the Foreign Relations Com-The cause of the fire, which did mittees, which meets again this afteraction in the foreign crisis. Senator Knox will support vigorous action by the Administration. Senator Frank B. Kellogg, because

of his prominence as a lawyer, is ex-pected to get a place on the Judiciary

### MORGAN MAY GO TO TOKYO

Talk of Ambassador to Brazil as Quthrie's Successor. Edwin V. Morgan, ambassador to

Brazil, may succeed the late Ambassador Guthrie at Tokyo, according to reports in diplomatic quarters today. Morgan, a Republican, has the President would be able to take President's confidence, and it is said his customary Sabbath ride. He political considerations will be waiv-seemed rather to doubt the advisibiled, as the post is likely to become increasingly important as time passes

# COMMISSIONERS' OFFER DECLINED

CAR UNION IS RECOGNIZED

AND AGREEMENT REACHED

tion and Offers Help of Agri-

culture Department.

SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS

The Times invites any resident

of Washington who intends

"farming" his back yard or any

vacant property to write, ex-

plaining his plans and what he

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture

Carl Vrooman, through The Times,

today offered the help and advice of

the department to all who are desir-

ous of cultivating a back yard gar-

den this summer. He pointed out,

"We can furnish the best infor-

detailed information as to what kind

of soils are best adaptable, and what

Offers to Test Seed.

tainers are opened the products have the same freshness and crispness they had when taken directly from

what is considered the best canning

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WANT SAFE FLYING

Army Aviation Officers Indorse Leg-

islation Against "Stunts."

Legislation urged by Godfrey L.

Cabot, president of the Massachu-

setts Aero Club, prohibiting looping-

the loop and vertical diving by avia-

War Department regulations al-

**VON BERNSTORFF ARRIVES** 

Reached Christiania.

SULLOWAY CRITICALLY ILL.

There was little hope today for the

ecovery of Congressman Cyrus A.

Sulloway of New Hampshire, who was stricken with pneumonia at the New Varnum Hotel several days ago. The condition of former Congress-

man Nelson E. Matthews, of the Fifth

Ohio district, whose term expired last

week, was reported slightly improved

at Homeopathic Hospital, but it is

still serious.

garden. The department has

We cann

"We can help test any seed, pro-

expects to do.

BY CAPITAL TRACTION CO.

Mr. King, accompanied by other general officers and counsel of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, came to the District Building today in response to the invitation of the District Commissioners. The Commissioners tendered their good offices as mediators between the company and its employes. This offer was firmly declined by the railway's representatives.

In spite of the declination, the Commissioners informed Mr. King that they stood ready at any moment to use their good offices in an endeavor to bring about an adjustment of the controversy. -Official Statement of the District Comm

STATEMENT TO THE TIMES BY PRESIDENT KING "We simply declined to recognize the union, and that is all there is to

## LATIN-AMERICA GARDEN CLUBS ARE FIRST NEED SPLITS ON U.S.

Indications Are Administration Carl Vrooman Urges Organiza-Will Not Find United Support Against Plots.

This Government's determination to crush German intrigue in the American hemisphere will not receive the united support of all the Latin American republics, if reports reach ing here reflect the true sentiment of some of the countries.

No formal overtures have yet been made by the Administration to en-list the aid of the South and Central Americas, but dependence is placed on those republics to maintain atrict neutrality and to this end the most literal interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine will be invoked

Several Anti-American

Several of the republics, notably olombia and Argentine, are inclined toward anti-Americanism in the American-German embroglio, while both however, the impracticability of the Brazil and Belivia are strongly pro-department's attempting to assist United States. The sympathy of Chiles, each individual gardener, and made the suggestion that those desirous is believed to be divided. Peru and Venezuela, and possibly Ecuador, lean toward the United States, white Para-guay and Truguay are inclined to ward Germany, according to the best information reaching here. Because of this divided sentiment

the utmost delicacy is essential to negotiations for concerted action. Hence the State Department is pro-ceeding cautiously and is approaching mation available as to how to make gardening successful. We can give

Argentina Showed Hand.

Argentina's attitude was shown in A meeting of the caucus will be held probably before Monday noon to consider committee assignments as of diplomatic relations with Germany. her note in which she "regretted such kinds of fertilizer should be used.

Canal incident Persistent reports are abroad that vidual gardener in Washington. That crop to get the best results.

There are also suspicions that there are wireless stations located along the Brazilian and Mexican coasts.

Weak Apparatus.

An official report is that the only Mexican plant is at Chapultepec, but that its apparatus is so weak as to be of no use for German purposes. Administration officials are cerned over the discovery of wireless apparatus on the prize ship Appam, at Norfolk. wireless send a man to advise with them.

"We would like to start some can

## The Times Leads Them All

Despite the cost of paper The Times is daily increasing its news and serving its readers without regard to cost. During the six week days of last week The Times led all papers in total columns of news, total columns of local news, and total number of local news items. The score was as fol-

Total News. THE TIMES...399 cols. Next paper ... 367 cols.

Local News. THE TIMES...143 cols. Next paper .... 116 cols. Next paper.... 80 cols. Next paper .... 73 cols.

Local News Items. THE TIMES......814 Next paper......541 Next paper.....402 Next paper......400

All the News All the Time and Particularly Washington News.

# KING REFUSES SIMILAR ACTION

Head of W. R. & E. Co. Firm in Declining to Treat With Organization.

STRIKE-BREAKERS ARE HERE

Chance of Strike on Capital Lines Eliminated as Crisis on Others Nears.

With all possibilities of a strike on he Capital Traction Company's lines eliminated by the signing of an agreement today, Clarence P. King. president of the Washington Railway & Electric Co., who has steadfastly refused to recognize the car men's union, reiterated his declination to the Commissioners at the District Building today, when, in a conference with them he was asked regarding his willingness to sign a similar agreement.

Mr. King, after leaving the conference, said:

"We simply declined to recognize the union and that is all there is to

Mr. King, and other officials, declined to make any further statement. At the conference were W. S. Ham, vice president of the company; S. R. Bowen, secretary, and John S. Bar-Bour, general counsel. William Blackman, conciliator, connected with the Department of Labor, also was pres-

Further Steps Uncertain What further steps will be taken by the Commissioners to bring about an amicable agreement has not yet been decided. Both the Commissi ers and the railway efficials said that arrangements had been made for no

of reducing the high cost of living, via the back yard method, band tofurther conferences. While the Commissioners were exgether in clubs for co-operation.

"We cannot send a man to talk to each individual," said Mr. Vrooman, erting their efforts to compose the threatening situation by having Mr. King sign the agreement, officials of "but if they will join in clubs we can give them expert advice. We haven't enough men to send one to each individual gardener. the Capital Traction Company were in conference with a committee representing the organization, and it was announced that gratifying progress was being made toward an adjustment of the terms of the new work-

> ing agreement. No Strike on Capital

Irrespective of whether President King adheres to his determination not Colombia's grievance against the vided, of course, that it is sent to us to recognize the union, there can be United States grew out of the Panama by clubs, rather than by individuals, no strike on the Capital Traction

ompany's lines. Persistent reports are abroad that the employee the Germans have a powerful wireless plant and a naval or submarine base on the Colombian coast. The British have searched the Guif of Darian for the suspected base.

The British methods of cultivation, how many comployes that they will continue at crops can be grown on the same ground and what should follow each ployes of the Washington Railway It is specifically stipulated in the and Electric Company do.

"Another thing, We can't send a man to every small club, composed of only two or three persons. Our This proposition was made by the Capital Traction Company on its own initiative and was unanimously ratimen are all busy, doing this work for the whole United States, and, how-ever much we would like to see each individual separately, it can't be done. fied by viva voce vote at the union's meeting at the Lyceum Theater last

The clubs must be large enough so that it will be practical for us to The employes of the Washington Railway and Electric Company voted without a dissenting voice that the Capital Traction Company employes ning clubs. If the people will adopt the method advocated by the Departshould continue at work without in terference whether or not a strike ment of Agriculture, vegetables grown in the summer can be canned and saved for winter. When the conon the Washington Railway and Electric Company's line was declared.

> The situation was thus presented of 800 unionists employed by the Washington Railway and Electric Company sanctioning the continuance of work by 600 fellow unionists.

Sanction to Continue Work.

Under the terms of the Capital Traction agreement, the officials of the company and J. H. Cookman, W. B. Pollitt and W. J. Meyerhoffer, rep-resenting the union, will confer until next Wednesday on the terms of the new working agreement. If by that time they have not agreed on terms it is stipulated that the questions difference shall be submitted to t District Commissioners constituti a permanent board of arbitration.

Full Text of Agreement. The full text of the agreement follows:

ready prohibit looping-the-loop and other "fancy" flying at army aviation "Memorandum of agreement, by and between the Capital Traction Company, its successors and assigns, here inafter, for convenience, called the company, party of the first part, and those of its employes who are now Copenhagen Dispatch Says He Has or may hereafter become, members of Division 689, of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Rail-COPENHAGEN, March 10.—Count Von Bernstorff, on board the Frederik VIII, arrived at Christiania this morning, according to official word received here today.

sociation of Street and Electric Railway Employes of America, hereinafter, for convenience, called the Association, party of the second part, witnesseth, "That in the operation of the prop-

"That in the operation of the properties of the party of the first part, both parties agree hereto as follows: "Section 1. The purpose of this agreement is to provide the best and most satisfactory service to the pub-lic, to provide the best possible work ing conditions for the men, and at same time having due the economical operation of the com-

pany's properties. "Section 2. It is hereby agreed that properly accredited officers of the (Continued on Third Page.)